Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A system and method for reducing the number of false negatives with minimal impact on false positive search results while allowing searches to return phonetic equivalents, misspellings, common short names, and other such applicable information. ~~Also disclosed are new~~New, N-Gram based indexing and search systems and methods ~~which~~ facilitate searching of data containing non-Arabic letters, such as numbers, symbols, and foreign language characters. ~~The present invention further allows~~ Ability to customize indexing and other features ~~to be customized, thereby~~ further ~~enhancing~~enhance search results. ~~Further, the present invention provides a system for improving linguistic~~ Linguistic pattern matching search results are improved based on dynamically modified search attributes.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

By utilizing the preferred embodiment of the present invention the user 101 would be able to determine if the receiving party 105 is contained within the restricted party database 124 with a high level of accuracy so that the user 101 could determine whether to move forward with the transaction and ship goods to the receiving party 105 along path 107. The user 101 can implement the restricted party screening process at different points in the business process. The user 101 could conduct a prescreening of parties ~~they do~~it does regular business with, the user 101 can conduct the restricted party screening during the middle of a transaction, or prior to a transaction.